

(b) *Rafts*. Rafts will be permitted to navigate the canal only if properly and securely assembled. Each section of a raft shall be so secured within itself as to prevent the sinking of any log, and so fastened with chains or wire rope that it cannot be separated or bag out or materially change its shape. All logs, chains, and other means used in assembling rafts shall be in good condition and of ample size and strength to accomplish their purpose. No section of a raft will be permitted to be towed unless the logs float sufficiently high in the water to make it evident that the section will not sink en route. Rafts shall not be of greater dimensions than 50 feet wide by 600 feet long, and if longer than 300 feet they shall be handled by two tugs; and in all cases they must be handled by sufficient tug power to make headway and guide the raft so as to give half the channel to passing vessels.

(c) *Mooring*. No vessel or raft shall moor along the banks of the canal for a period longer than five days without written permission from the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, P. O. Box 60, Vicksburg, Miss. At stages below 20 feet on the canal gage no boats, barges, or rafts shall be moored or tied up abreast of or overlapping each other in the canal if the overall width exceeds 50 feet: *Provided*, That temporary permits may be issued at the discretion of the District Engineer for boats or barges with widths exceeding 50 feet to moor in the canal. When tied up, boats or barges shall be moored by bow and stern lines parallel to the bank and as close in as practicable. Rafts shall be secured at sufficiently close intervals to insure their not being drawn away from the bank by winds, current, or the suction of passing vessels.

(d) [Reserved]

(e) *Refuse in canal*. No person shall roll or throw any stones, ashes, cinders, barrels, logs, log butts, sawdust, shavings, refuse, or any other material into the canal or the approach thereto, or place any such material on the bank or berm so that it is liable to be rolled, thrown, or washed into the canal.

(f) *Preservation of works of improvement*. Masters and pilots of all craft using the canal shall avoid damaging any revetment, dike, floodwall, or

other work of improvement placed in or adjacent to the canal. They shall not disturb any gages or marks set as aids to navigation in the canal or approaches thereto.

(g) *Fairway*. A clear channel not less than 175 feet wide shall at all times be left open to permit free and unobstructed navigation by all types of vessels and rafts. The District Engineer will specify the width of fairway required.

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§ 207.270 Tallahatchie River, Miss., between Batesville and the mouth; logging.

(a) The floating of "sack", rafts, or of loose timbers, logs, or cribs is prohibited.

(b) Rafts shall be made up of logs parallel with each other, secured, and held closely together by cross sticks, chains, or cables placed across each crib and at the joints between cribs. No raft shall be over 60 feet wide or 800 feet long.

(c) In rafting nonbuoyant timber each crib must contain self-buoyant logs in such proportion of "floaters" to "sinkers" as will safely float the whole; and in assembling such cribs, extra strong connections must be used to prevent the breaking up of a crib or the detachment of individual logs.

(d) No raft shall be moved at river stages less than that corresponding to a reading of $3\frac{1}{10}$ feet on the U.S. Weather Bureau gage at Greenwood, Miss.

(e) A raft in transit must be accompanied by sufficient men, or by power boats of sufficient capacity to properly manage the movement of the raft and to keep it from being an obstruction to other craft navigating the river, or from forming jams at bridges.

(f) Rafts in transit must be so floated, and when not in transit be so tied to the bank, as not to interfere with the passage of boats.

(g) When rafts are left with no one in attendance they must be securely tied at each end and at as many intermediate points as will prevent them from bagging into the stream. When left at night a white light shall be exposed at each end of the raft.

(h) This section shall apply to the portion of the Tallahatchie River, Miss., between Batesville, Panola County, Miss., and the mouth.

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§ 207.275 McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River navigation system: use, administration, and navigation.

(a) *Applicability of regulations.* These regulations apply to all locks and appurtenant structures, wharves, and other Corps of Engineers structures in the following waterways: The White River between Mississippi River and Arkansas Post Canal, Arkansas; Arkansas Post Canal, Arkansas; Arkansas River between Dam No. 2, Arkansas, and Verdigris River, Oklahoma; Verdigris River between Arkansas River and Catoosa, Oklahoma; and reservoirs on these waterways between Mississippi River, Arkansas, and Catoosa, Oklahoma.

(b) *Authority of district engineers.* The use, administration, and navigation of the structures to which this section applies shall be under the direction of the officers of the Army Corps of Engineers, detailed in charge of the respective districts, and their authorized assistants. The cities in which these district engineers are located, and the limits of their jurisdictions, are as follows:

(1) *District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Little Rock, Arkansas.* From Mississippi River, Arkansas, to Arkansas-Oklahoma State line at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

(2) *District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Tulsa, Oklahoma.* From Arkansas-Oklahoma State line at Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Catoosa, Oklahoma.

(c) *Authority of lockmasters.* The lockmaster shall be charge with the immediate control and management of the lock and of the area set aside as the lock area. The lockmaster shall ensure that all laws, rules, and regulations for the use of the lock and lock area are duly complied with, to which end he/she is authorized to give all necessary orders and directions both to employees of the Government and to any person within the limits of the lock area, whether navigating the lock

or not. No one shall cause any movement of any vessel or other floating thing in the lock area except by or under the direction of the lockmaster. Failure to comply with directions given by the lockmaster pursuant to the regulations in this section may result in refusal of lockage. For the purpose of the regulations in this section, the “lock area” is considered to be between the upstream and downstream arrival points. The district engineer may extend the limits of the lock area consistent with the safe and efficient use of the waterway.

(d) *Precedence at locks.* (1) Precedence shall be given to vessels owned by the United States, licensed commercial passenger vessels operating on a published schedule or regularly operating in the “for hire” trade, commercial tows, rafts, and pleasure craft, in the order named. Precedence being equal, the first vessel to arrive at a lock will normally be the first to lock through; however, the lockmaster may depart from this procedure to achieve optimum utilization of the lock or in accordance with the order of precedence stated above and in paragraphs (d)(2) and (h) of this section. Arrival points have been established ashore upstream and downstream of the locks. Vessels arriving at these markers or the mooring cells immediately upstream and downstream of the lock will be considered as having arrived at the lock within the meaning of this subparagraph.

(2) Vessels or tows, with overall dimensions greater than 105 feet wide or 595 feet long may transit the lock at such time as the lockmaster determines that they will neither unduly delay the transit of craft of lesser dimensions, nor endanger the lock structure and appurtenances because of wind, current, or other adverse conditions. These craft are also subject to such special handling requirements as the lockmaster deems necessary at the time of transit.

(e) *Safety rules for vessels using navigation locks.* (1) Leaking vessels may be excluded from the locks.

(2) Smoking, open flames, and activities capable of producing a flammable atmosphere such as painting will not be permitted in the lock chamber.